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Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/774,847	Applicant(s) KRONDORFER ET AL.	
	Examiner GLORIA R. WEEKS	Art Unit 3721	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 05 March 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 11-28 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 12, 13 and 18 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 11, 14-17 and 19-28 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is in response to the amendment and remarks received on March 5, 2008.

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

2. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on March 5, 2008 has been entered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 11, 14, 15, 17, 19, 20 and 24-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Driggers (USPN 4,819,742).

Regarding claims 11, 14, 15, 17, 19, 20 and 24-28, Driggers discloses a hand power tool comprising: a housing 12; at least one handle having at least one gripping part 42, 50; a mounting part 16; at least one elastic, vibration damping element 60 mounted on the mounting part 16, the at least one gripping part 42, 50 being mounted on the housing 12 through the elastic element 60 and through the mounting part 16; at least one movable rigid 62 safety element and non-rigid safety element 40 through which the gripping part 42, 50 is connected with the

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mounting part 16, the safety element 40 being movable relative to the gripping part 42, 50 in at least a tilting direction 58 and a longitudinal direction during a predetermined operation relative to the gripping part 42, 50 to avoid a passage of vibration through the safety element 40, 44 (column 5 lines 30-58); wherein the gripping part 42, the mounting part 16, the elastic element 60, and the safety element 40, 62 are coaxially.

5. Claims 11, 14-17, 19-21 and 24-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Matechuk (USPN 5,605,500).

Regarding claims 11, 14-17, 19-21 and 24-28, Matechuk discloses a hand power tool comprising: a housing 46; at least one handle having at least one gripping part 44; a mounting part 78; at least one elastic, vibration damping element 76 mounted on the mounting part 78, the at least one gripping part 44 being mounted on the housing 46 through the elastic element 76 and through the mounting part 78; at least one movable (30), rigid rod 22 safety element through which the gripping part 44 is connected with the mounting part 78, the safety element 22 being movable relative to the gripping part 44 in at least a tilting direction 72 and a longitudinal direction during a predetermined operation of disassembly relative to the gripping part 44 to avoid a passage of vibration through the safety element 22; wherein the gripping part 44, the mounting part 78, the elastic element 76, and the safety element 22 are coaxially; and wherein the elastic element 76 surrounds the safety element 22.

Allowable Subject Matter

6. Claims 22 and 23 are allowed.

Response to Arguments

7. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1, 14-17, 19-21, and 25-28 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

8. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Refer to attachment for notice of references cited and recommended for consideration based on their disclosure of limitations related to the claimed invention.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to GLORIA R. WEEKS whose telephone number is (571)272-4473. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8am-4pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rinaldi I. Rada can be reached on (571) 272-4467. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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